

**Saint Gobain-Performance Plastics
McCaffrey Street Facility
Hoosick Falls, NY
January 23, 2018**

Background: The McCaffrey Street facility, located in Hoosick Falls, NY, was built in 1961 and had been used to manufacture circuit board laminates, polytetrafluoroethylene-coated fiberglass and other products. In 1999, Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics purchased the facility and began operations there, using Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) in its manufacturing process. PFOA is a man-made chemical that is toxic and persistent in the environment. It is used as in a variety of products, such as fire-fighting foams, coating additives and cleaning products.

In November 2015, based on the presence of elevated concentrations of PFOA in the Village of Hoosick Falls public drinking water supply, EPA recommended that people not drink the water from the Hoosick Falls public water supply or use it for cooking. Subsequently, the State of New York implemented an aggressive plan to address PFOA contamination in the Hoosick Falls area, which included, among other things, the provision of bottled water, installation of a temporary municipal filtration system, installation of private residential water filtration systems, and the installation of a permanent municipal treatment system.

In September 2016, EPA proposed the Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics Site, located at 14 McCaffrey Street, to the National Priorities List (NPL). The proposed listing was consistent with New York State's January 2016 request to EPA to list the site.

On July 26, 2017, in response to a request from the Hoosick Falls mayor for an update on the NPL listing and the status of the site, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and the Region met with the mayor and town supervisor and the town/village attorneys.

The Saint Gobain-Performance Plastics McCaffrey Street Facility was listed on the NPL on August 3, 2017.

On August 23, 2017, Region 2 program and public affairs staff reached out to the mayor and town supervisor of Hoosick Falls to let them know that NYSDEC would be the lead for the project and that EPA and NYSDEC would schedule a discussion on technical and community outreach aspects of the project. The mayor and supervisor thought that it would be helpful to have a small group discussion about next steps after EPA and NYSDEC have met; EPA agreed. Region 2 staff and NYSDEC met in late September to discuss citizen participation support, and in early October had follow-up discussions with the mayor and supervisor.

Current Status: Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics and Honeywell International are currently performing a remedial investigation and feasibility study (RI/FS) of the McCaffrey Street facility pursuant to an enforcement agreement with NYSDEC. EPA is

providing support to the State in the performance of the RI/FS. The State also required the responsible party to prepare a report of options for sourcing the water for the public water supply; the State hopes to release a draft of that report in the February/March timeframe.

During the late summer of 2017, NYSDEC learned that Saint-Gobain had started using GenX as a substitute for PFOA within the past decade. On January 18, 2018, the New York State Department of Health collected samples of the raw water intake and the finished water from the Hoosick Falls municipal treatment system to determine whether GenX, as well as 26 PFAS compounds are present. On the same day, New York State collected samples from four Saint Gobain site groundwater monitoring wells for the same purpose; Saint Gobain also collected samples for GenX analysis at that time. The Village of Hoosick Falls and Rensselaer County recently revealed the results of their sampling of the public water supply for GenX; the sample results were non-detect.